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OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 20-114825

Project Name/Address: Cottonwood Tree Removal 16641 SE 69th Way

Planner: David Wong

Phone Number: 425-452-4282

Minimum Comment Period: 10-29-2020

Materials included in this Notice:

- ☒ Blue Bulletin
- ☒ Checklist
- ☒ Vicinity Map
- ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐ Plans
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Other:

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Development Services

SEPA Environmental Checklist

The City of Bellevue uses this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions

The checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully and to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions.

You may respond with "Not Applicable" or "Does Not Apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies and reports. Please make complete and accurate answers to these questions to the best of your ability in order to avoid delays. For assistance, see [SEPA Checklist Guidance](#) on the Washington State Department of Ecology website.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The city may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable Permit #20-111598⁸²⁵
2. Name of applicant Michael Appleby - HOA Representative
3. Contact person Katie Hogan Phone 206-586-9426
4. Contact person address 2940 Westlake Ave N (#200), Seattle, WA 98109
5. Date this checklist was prepared 8/6/2020
6. Agency requesting the checklist City of Bellevue

7. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable)

Tree removal requested by November 2020

8. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Not applicable - no plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to this proposal.

9. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared or will be prepared, that is directly related to this proposal.

Arborist report with tree risk assessment evaluation. Tree to be left as habitat snag. Replanting with one new tree to replace canopy loss.

10. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No applications for governmental approvals are pending.

11. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

None. Jurisdiction is City of Bellevue.

12. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Reduce one black cottonwood to 25 ft tall habitat snag. Replace tree with 1 new tree. All wood to be removed from site. Equipment will be stationed on adjacent road, and no disturbance or use of equipment will occur in adjacent ECA. Tree has a canopy spread of 20 radial feet, therefore the size of the project will be the canopy area, or 1200 square feet.

13. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and the section, township and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

Located southwest of tax parcel #177836-0090 along 166th Way SE. See Site Map included in attachments.

Environmental Elements

Earth

1. General description of the site:

☒ Flat

☐ Rolling

☐ Hilly

☐ Steep Slopes

☐ Mountainous

☐ Other _____

2. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? Site is flat - 0%

3. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Soils are a clay loam, as confirmed by field testing on 08.06.2020.
Alderwood gravelly sandy loam (AgC) per NRCS mapping data

4. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

None observed. Topography is flat.

5. Describe the purpose, type, total area and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation and grading proposed. Indicate the source of the fill.

Not applicable - no filling, grading, or excavation is proposed.

6. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction or use? If so, generally describe.

Clearing for tree removal will not result in erosion. Topography is flat and there is sufficient vegetation in the vicinity.

7. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? Not applicable, no impervious surfaces proposed

8. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

No equipment will be operated over exposed soils. All equipment will be stationed on 166th Way SE. Logs will be removed from site.

Erosion control regulated by BCC 23.76

Air

1. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable - no construction is proposed.

Gas emissions from hand-operated saws expected

2. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable - no construction is proposed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

Not applicable - no construction is proposed.

Water

1. Surface Water

- a. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Type N stream located within dripline of tree proposed for reduction to habitat snag. The surface water is non fish bearing.

Stream is untyped

- b. Will the project require any work over, in or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Tree proposed to be removed is 32 feet from the above-described surface water. See attached Site Map.

- c. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of the fill material.

Not applicable - no fill or dredge material will be produced or brought onto the site. All wood and debris from removed tree will be removed from the site.

- d. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose and approximate quantities, if known.

Not applicable - no surface water withdrawals or diversions will occur.

- e. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? No

If so, note the location on the site plan.

- f. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Not applicable - no discharge of waste materials will occur.

2. Ground Water

- a. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable - no groundwater will be withdrawn from a well.

- b. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not applicable - no waste material will be discharged.

3. Water Runoff (including stormwater)

- a. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Not applicable - no runoff will result from proposed tree removal.

- b. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable - no runoff will result from proposed tree removal.

- c. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No - tree removal will not result in altered drainage patterns.

Indicate any proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.

Not applicable - no changes will occur to surface, ground, or runoff water or drainage patterns.

Plants

1. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☒ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other black cottonwood. alder, willow
- ☒ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other cedar, douglas-fir, leyland cypress
- ☒ shrubs
- ☐ grass
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☐ orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops
- ☐ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other _____
- ☐ water plants: water lily eelgrass, milfoil, other _____
- ☐ other types of vegetation _____

2. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

One black cottonwood tree measuring 39.8 inches DSH. Canopy area 1200 square feet.

3. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None shown on Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitat and Species GIS Mapping database (accessed 08.08.2020).

4. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

Cottonwood tree will be replaced with new deciduous tree. 1.5 inches in caliper size.

5. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

1. Phalaris arundinacea
2. Rubus laciniatus

Animals

1. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:

Birds: ☐hawk, ☐heron, ☐eagle, ☐songbirds, ☐other None

Mammals: ☒deer, ☒bear, ☐elk, ☐beaver, ☒other coyotes, rabbits

Fish: ☐bass, ☐salmon, ☐trout, ☐herring, ☐shellfish, ☐other _____

2. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None shown on Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitat and Species GIS Mapping database (accessed 08.08.2020).

3. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

4. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

Tree will be preserved as a 25 foot habitat snag.

5. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

None observed or known based on King County I-Maps and USFWS GIS Maps.

Energy and Natural Resources

1. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Not applicable - no energy needs for proposed tree removal.

2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable - project will not alter conditions for potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.

3. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

Not applicable - no impacts to energy will be involved in this project.

Environmental Health

1. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

Not applicable - no environmental health hazards will result as part of this project.

- a. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

Not applicable - no possible contamination will occur as part of this project.

- b. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

Not applicable - no existing hazardous chemicals/conditions will affect this project.

- c. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

Not applicable - no toxic or hazardous chemicals will be stored, used or produced as part of this project.

- d. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not applicable - no special emergency services will be required for the proposed tree removal.

- e. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

Not applicable - no environmental health hazards will occur for the proposed tree removal.

2. Noise

- a. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Not applicable - location is along a quiet residential street. Tree removal work will occur over a period of several hours only.

- b. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)?
Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Short-term (less than 6 hours) use of chainsaws and chipper trunk. Noise will occur during normal business hours on a weekday, between 8am and 5pm.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

Not applicable - Noise will be short-term and will not have impacts.
Noise is regulated by BCC 9.18

Land and Shoreline Uses

1. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The site consists of single-family residential houses. The area where the work is occurring is within a vegetated Native Growth Protection Area.

2. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to non-farm or non-forest use?

Not applicable - the site has not been used as working farmlands or working forest lands.

- a. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling and harvesting? If so, how?

Not applicable - there are no working farm or forest lands in the vicinity.

3. Describe any structures on the site.

No structures currently exist on site. See attached Site Map.

4. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Not applicable - no structures will be demolished.

5. What is the current zoning classification of the site? R-7.5

6. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? SINGLE FAMILY

Single-family urban residential (SF-UR)

7. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not applicable - site is not located on a shoreline

8. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

Yes - Type N stream exists on site.

An untyped stream is located adjacent to 166th Way SE

9. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? None

10. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? None

11. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.

Not applicable - no displacement will occur.

12. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

Not applicable - no changes to existing or projected land uses and plans will occur.

13. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.

Not applicable - no agricultural and forest lands exist in vicinity.

Housing

1. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

2. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

Aesthetics

1. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

2. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

Light and Glare

1. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

2. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

3. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

4. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

Not applicable - no development is proposed.

Recreation

1. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Not applicable - site is located in suburban residential neighborhood.

2. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Not applicable - site is located in suburban residential neighborhood.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.

Not applicable - site is located in suburban residential neighborhood.

Historic and Cultural Preservation

1. Are there any buildings, structures or sites located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

No, buildings were constructed in 2004.

2. Are there any landmarks, features or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

No, neighborhood was developed in 2004.

3. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

Not applicable - site is located in suburban residential neighborhood that was built in 2004.

4. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for loss, changes to and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Not applicable - site is located in suburban residential neighborhood that was built in 2004.

Transportation

1. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Not applicable - public streets and highways will not be impacted during tree removal.

2. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Not applicable - public streets and highways will not be impacted during tree removal.

3. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

Not applicable - project does not propose changes to parking.

4. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No - project does not propose changes to existing roads, streets, etc.

5. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No - project will no occur near water, rail or air transportation.

6. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Not applicable - no vehicular trips will be generated by the completed project.

7. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable - no agricultural or forest products transported in area.

8. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

Not applicable - no transportation impacts will occur.

Public Service

1. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable - additional public services will not be required.

2. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Not applicable - no impacts to public service will occur.

Utilities

1. Check the utilities currently available at the site:

- ☐ Electricity
- ☐ natural gas
- ☐ water
- ☐ refuse service
- ☐ telephone
- ☐ sanitary sewer
- ☐ septic system
- ☐ other

2. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Not applicable - no utilities are required for this project.

Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

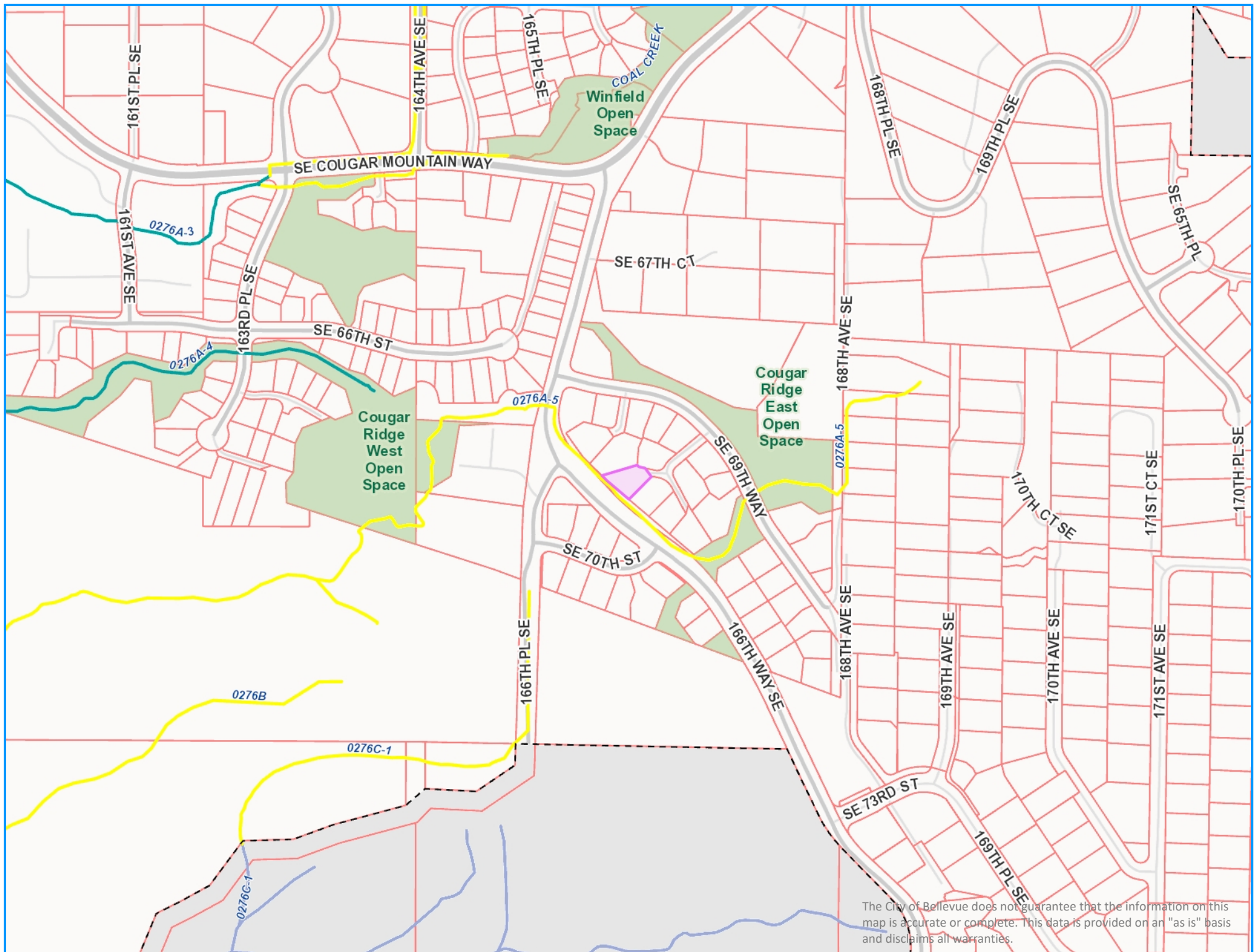
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Position and Agency/Organization Senior Consultant, Tree Solutions Inc

Date Submitted 9/10/2020



King County iMap



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